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TO: FBIS/LONDON.Y

SUBJECT: LONDON BUREAU WORKLOADY

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1. CLEAR MESSAGE CAME FROM THE BUREAU, BOTH AT MANAGEMENT AND EDITORIAL LEVEL, DURING DC/OPS RECENT TRIP THAT WORKLOAD IN THE INFORMATION-EXPLOSION ERA OF GLASNOST AND PERESTROYKA IS TAKING HEAVY TOLL. KNOW WORKLOAD WAS HEAVY DURING MY TENURE, AND YOUR RECENT MESSAGES ON URGENCY OF SHIFTING EAU COPY TO ABIDJAN HAVE CAUGHT SOME EYES HERE. THROWING PEOPLE AT THE PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY GIVEN LIMITED WORKSPACE, IS NOT THE ANSWER. THINK WE ALL AGREE REFINING OF REQUIREMENTS WITH CONSEQUENT PARING OF FILE IS THE WAY TO PROCEED.Y

2. BEFORE WE ATTACK PROBLEM AT THIS END, WOULD LIKE YOU TO HAVE YOUR CHIEF EDITOR AND CHIEF PMU PROVIDE WHAT THEY SEE AS A REDUCING PACKAGE WHICH WOULD HELP BRING WORKLOAD DOWN TO MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS, PARTICULARLY IN MANDATORY TEXTING AREA. KNOW  HAS GIVEN SOME THOUGHT TO REDUCING FILING OF VARIANT VERSIONS OF PRONOUNCEMENTS. CAN YOU PROVIDE SOME GUIDELINES IN THIS AREA FOR

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